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The message of His Excellency of yesterday,, the 17th inst., was taken up, with the accompanying Senate Bill, No. 330, and read.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, August 17, 1876.

Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:

I have the honor to return herewith, without approval, Senate Bill No. 330, being, "An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in the various districts and counties of the State," and respectfully ask its reconsideration.

The expense which would be incurred under this bill is believed to be entirely unnecessary.

During the forty years since these offices have been in existence and operation, no law is remembered authorizing such expense, and a necessity for it, at this time, does not seem to be greater than heretofore, where we have done well enough without it. Respectfully,

RICHARD COKE.
Senator Terrell moved that the bill (Senate Bill No. 330—"An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in the various districts and counties of the State,") pass, notwithstanding the Governor's reto

Carried, by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCulloch, Motley, Piner, Smith, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—19.

NAYS—Senator Francis, Ripetoe, Stephens—3.